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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary for Applications Under Accelerated Examination</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/752,057	MAES ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Sabiha Qazi	1616	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Since this application has been granted special status under the accelerated examination program,

**NO extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted and a SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR  
REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE:**

**ONE MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER,  
FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION** – if this is a non-final action or a Quayle action.  
(Examiner: For FINAL actions, please use PTOL-326.)

The objective of the accelerated examination program is to complete the examination of an application within twelve months from the filing date of the application. Any reply must be filed electronically via EFS-Web so that the papers will be expeditiously processed and considered. If the reply is not filed electronically via EFS-Web, the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application.

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2004.  
 2) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 3) Claim(s) 15-21 is/are pending in the application.  
 3a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 4) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.  
 6) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 7) Claim(s) 15-21 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 8) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 9) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 10) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 11) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                         | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .                                    |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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**Summary of this Office Action dated Thursday, August 31, 2006**

1. Election/Restriction
2. Communication

Claims 15-21 are pending.

*Election/Restrictions*

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - I. Claims 15-18, drawn to triterpene saponins and their composition prepared by a process as in claim 15, classified in class 536, subclasses 4.1, 18.1, and 5.
  - II. Claims 19-21, drawn to method of alleviating clinical manifestations of and treating disorders by using the compounds of formula as in claim 19, classified in class 424, subclass 195.1, 180; 514/198.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions of group I is drawn to triterpene saponins which are prepared by the process of claim 15. This claims is product by process claim. The invention of group II is drawn to method of use. These two inventions are different from each other as they are drawn to different subject matter.

2. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
3. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. A telephone call was made to Attorney David N. Farsiou on 8/31/06 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made. Mr. Farsiou requested to send in writing.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention. Applicant is requested to elect a single species from the elected group for the search purposes.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

#### Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sabiha Qazi, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0622. The examiner can normally be reached on any business day.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, Johann Richter, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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